

**Carlisle Conservation Commission**  
**June 23, 2011**

Pursuant to the notice filed with the Town Clerk, Chair Kelly Guarino called the meeting to order in the Clark Room at the Town Hall at 7:30 p.m. Also present were Commissioners Luke Ascolillo, Tom Brownrigg and Jen Bush and Conservation Administrator Sylvia Willard. Chair Peter Burn and Member Debra Kimbrell Anderson were not present.

**Bills, General Agenda Items, and New/Pending Business:**

**Regular Session Minutes:** *Brownrigg moved to accept the Regular Session minutes for the April 14, 2011 meeting as amended, Bush seconded and all voted in favor. Brownrigg moved to accept the minutes from the April 28, 2011 meeting as amended, Ascolillo seconded and all voted in favor.*

**Executive Session Minutes:** *Bush moved to accept the Executive Session minutes from Jan 27, 2011, May 12, 2011, and May 26, 2011 as submitted, Ascolillo seconded and all voted in favor. Guarino noted that the minutes would be made public when the matter has been resolved.*

**Certificates of Compliance:**

**(DEP 125-0876) Location: 70 Timothy Lane,** Applicant: Charles DeLong; Project: Septic Repair; Issued: 10/28/2009. Based on Willard's recommendations that the project had been completed significantly in compliance with the Plan of Record, Ascolillo moved to issue a Certificate of Compliance for DEP 125-0876, Bush seconded and all voted in favor.

**(DEP 125-0809): Location: Lot 4A-4, Cross Street;** Applicant: William Costello; Project: Construction of a Common Driveway. Issued: 5/24/2007. Based on Willard's recommendations that the project had been completed significantly in compliance with the Plan of Record, *Brownrigg moved to issue a Certificate of Compliance for DEP #125-0809, Ascolillo seconded and all voted in favor.* Willard noted that the request for a COC was originally made in 2009, but the decision was postponed until the project area was satisfactorily revegetated.

**800 Curve Street - Work on Cranberry Bog Land:** The Commission continued their discussion from the previous meeting relative to the unpermitted landscaping activity near an old cellar hole on the Cranberry Bog Land opposite 800 Curve Street, including planting of shrubs in front of the foundation and depositing yard waste in the area. After a brief discussion of the options, *Brownrigg moved to send a letter to the resident requesting that he provide the Commission with a list of plants he had planted at 800 Curve Street and to inform him that he must consult with the Commission prior to undertaking any additional work in the area, Ascolillo seconded and all voted in favor.*

**Confirm Summer Meeting Schedule:** July 21, Aug. 11, Sept. 8 & 22

**FY11 Year End Projections:** A vote to encumber the remaining funds in the Conservation Commission General Fund budget was taken at the previous meeting. It has since been determined that the final figure for encumbrance is \$891.25.

**Invasive Species on Towle Field:** Tom Brownrigg has requested time on the agenda to discuss options for eradicating the invasive and noxious plants that are overtaking the field, making it largely inaccessible due to the proliferation of poison ivy and buckthorn. He regrettably reported that, in the 25 years he has been keeping avian records, there have been no Bobolinks observed nesting at the site. Brownrigg raised the issue of tackling the invasive plants this season, since the mowing schedule can now be adjusted to allow for earlier mowing. Previous efforts toward removing the plants have proved to be unsuccessful. Several options for controlling the plant populations included applying herbicides, frequent mowing and a “scorched earth approach” of burning, the last of which is not recommended due to poison ivy. Because of the historical presence of nesting Bobolinks, which are a species in decline the Commission will consult with NHESP, New England Wildflower Society and Mass Audubon’s Ecological Extension Service in order to obtain their recommendations for management

**Officer Elections:** *Bush moved to nominate Guarino and Burn as Chair and Vice Chair, with the positions to be determined, Ascolillo seconded and all voted in favor.*

**Banta Davis Master Plan:** The Board of Selectmen will discuss the Banta Davis Master Plan at their June 28, 2011 meeting at 9 p.m. to explore the Affordable Housing Trust’s interest in using a portion of the municipal land and the waste water treatment plant for housing at some point in the future.

**LSC Reappointments:** *Brownrigg moved to re-appoint Elizabeth Loutrel and Dwight DeMay to the Land Stewardship Committee for 3-year terms, Bush seconded and all voted in favor.*

**FY12 Revised Budget:** The final budget reflecting an adjustment in the COLA allowance for FY12 was circulated.

*8:45 p.m. Brownrigg moved to adjourn, Bush seconded and all voted in favor.*

Respectfully submitted,  
Mary Hopkins  
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